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**Lepers of San Juan Not in Contact
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Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 25.—B. H. Osterhout, director of charities of San Juan, Porto Rico, who is visiting in this city, makes an emphatic denial of the newspaper reports to the effect that because of the alleged unsanitary condition of the leper colony near San Juan the whole island of Porto Rico is threatened with contagion.

Director of Charities Osterhout said to the Associated Press representative: "The reports are untrue. There are about twenty lepers in the colony, twelve males and eight females. They are well housed in buildings of heavy masonry. The possibility of contact with the outside world is impracticable, and according to all recent reports of investigation of the disease, the danger of contagion is reduced to a minimum. I can state from my own personal knowledge and frequent inspection that the lepers of Porto Rico confined in the colony are well housed, well cared for, well fed, well clothed and as contented as people in their unfortunate condition could possibly be. The charges made in the reports are absolutely false. The lepers are given no money and all the employees are paid in checks, cashable only at the San Juan bank."

Passengers Painfully Burned.

Cockeysville, Md., Aug. 25.—The rear coach attached to the York-New... coach attached to the York and Baltimore accommodation train on the Northern Central railroad caught fire near this station Monday afternoon and was partially demolished. A dozen passengers, including several women and children, were painfully burned or injured by jumping from the train, but no one is thought to have been fatally injured. Traffic was delayed nearly an hour. The explosion of a gasoline lamp caused the blaze.

OVER 100 PERISHED

Flats Crowded With Working People Caught Fire.

HOLOCAUST IN BUDAPEST

Lower Floor Filled With Dry Goods, Which Burned Like Tinder—Many Killed by Jumping From Windows.

Vienna, Aug. 25.—According to a special dispatch received here 120 persons perished in the fire at Budapest.

Budapest, Aug. 25.—1 a. m.—It is now stated that between forty and fifty persons were burned to death, including Herr Goldberg's wife and son. The police announce that by jumping from the windows thirteen persons were killed and sixteen injured, nine seriously. The damage is estimated at 4,000,000 kronen, mostly covered by insurance.

Budapest, Hungary, Aug. 25.—Fire broke out last evening in a four-story building, the two lower floors of which were occupied by a fancy goods firm and the upper floors as residential flats. There were 200 work people in the building and the escape of many of them and of the residents on the third and fourth floors was cut off by the flames.

It is impossible to ascertain the number of victims. The warehouses contained piles of flimsy material and the flames, which were detected at 7 o'clock, spread with frightful rapidity, and soon reached the residential floors. Only the work people near the doors below were able to effect their escape.

The residents above, seeing their escape cut off, clung desperately to the windows screaming for help. The firemen held out sheets of canvas and called to them to jump. Fifteen persons were saved in this way, but many in jumping missed the sheet, nine being killed on the spot, including two children, eight others mortally and two seriously injured.

Strike Callout Failed.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—The attempt of the officials of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' union to tie up the Chicago restaurants Monday proved a failure, not a single establishment having been compelled to close for lack of help. Out of the 9,000 members of the different unions ordered on strike not over 10 per cent responded to the summons and the places of those who did quit work were quickly filled with non-union employees. The calling of the strike by the local joint board of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance without consulting the various local unions is said to have been responsible for the refusal of the majority of the employees to obey orders, and the indications are that the strike will be of short duration and will end disastrously to the unions.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Detroit Police Lay Wilmes Crime at Door of Emil Waltz.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 25.—The police have announced that they are now trying to fix the murder of Alphonse Wilmes upon Emil Waltz, alias Charles Price, who has a criminal record and has been wanted for two years on another charge, that of criminal assault. They have released Edwards, the former suspect, and have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of Waltz, who has so far eluded their vigilance.

Waltz disappeared from the city in 1901, after an alleged commitment of assault on the person of Alice Simmonds, a 6-year-old girl. On the eventful Monday on which Alphonse Wilmes was murdered Waltz was seen near the scene of the crime at 6 p. m. Since that day the police have no certain knowledge of his whereabouts.

It has been learned that Waltz, or a man of his appearance, spent the night before last at the saloon of Finn & Marx, at the corner of Gratiot avenue and Hastings street.

The police are now confident that Waltz can be connected with the crime. His former wife deposes Waltz to be equal to anything. She states that he at one time asked her to help him kill a child to "see what was inside."

Supt. Downey advances the opinion that Waltz was also the perpetrator of the Rockford, Ill., outrage and says that if both charges prove true the police would hand over the culprit to the Illinois authorities, where he can be executed instead of serving his life in a Michigan prison.

AS JESUS WOULD DO.

Business Man at St. Joe Enters Upon Novel Plans.

St. Joseph, Mich., Aug. 25.—F. A. Norton, of Marion, Ind., has created considerable interest by his announcement that he will open two groceries and an eating house in this city, to be conducted "as Jesus would" if He were on earth. That Norton is sincere is shown by his endeavors to secure suitable quarters in the business district, and he has already secured options on sites he deems suitable, and stores will doubtless be opened in the spring.

In his eating house, conducted "as Jesus would," Norton proposes to have everything prepared in view of customers with the motto: "Don't give anyone else to eat what you would not eat yourself." All a person cares to eat will be furnished for 10 cents, and those too poor to buy a meal will be served free of cost.

Norton, in his stores, says he will rely upon the honesty of mankind, and trust anybody, believing people who trade at such a store will deal in a conscientious manner with its proprietors. No man in the employ of Norton will be permitted the use of intoxicants or drugs of any kind or tobacco, and no goods containing such ingredients will be sold from his stores.

The proprietor will be allowed \$2.50 per day for salary, and all expenses for the day will be figured in advance. When enough goods have been sold at a fair profit to pay for the day's expenses, cards will be displayed and all goods will be sold at cost.

Killed by Cars.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 25.—Early Monday morning Frank Verstraete, a Belgian, aged 30 years, who lived at 171 St. Paul avenue, was struck and almost instantly killed by a Jefferson avenue line car at Fox creek. It is said the unfortunate young man was laying across the track, but it is not certain that he was intoxicated. Coroner Harrison will hold an inquest Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

State Forestry Warden Named.

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 25.—The state forestry commission has engaged Prof. Roth, head of the forestry department of the university, as state forestry warden at a salary of \$1,000 a year. His new duties will not interfere with his university work.

Railway Trainman Killed.

Saginaw, Mich., Aug. 25.—Peter Stuski, a member of the order of Railroad Trainmen, was killed by a G. T. railroad train Monday morning at 12:30 o'clock while walking on the track between Johnson and Genesee streets.

Lover Sues Sweetheart.

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 25.—E. E. Smith, of South Bend, is suing Miss Pearl Spangler, of this city, for \$3,000 for breach of promise to marry, and for \$250, he says he gave her to buy wedding clothes, etc.

Big Cigar Factory Burned.

Havana, Aug. 25.—The big consolidated cigar factory belonging to the American Tobacco company and the English combine, was totally destroyed by fire last evening with its valuable contents, consisting of new cigarette making machinery and quantities of tobacco. Nothing was saved except the books and the contents of the office. The loss is estimated at upwards of \$250,000. Fully insured.

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BENZ MURDERED

Conclusive Evidence That Dexter Man Met With Foul Play.

SEVERAL TIMES WOUNDED

Suspects of the Deed Were Fifteen Miles Away at Time It Is Believed Crime Was Committed—Reward May Be Offered.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 25.—Coroner Watts, who from the first has insisted that the death of William Benz, of Lima township, near Dexter, was murdered, has been apparently justified by the results of a post mortem held Monday.

Determined to satisfy himself and the public as to the cause and manner of the young farmer's taking off, the coroner took Dr. Theo. Klingmann, of this city, to the scene of Friday's tragedy, who, with Dr. Honey, of Dexter, made a very careful examination.

It was found that the wounds supposed to have been made by the hammer were more numerous and serious than so far reported. In addition to those already known about, they found the skull fractured at the base, behind the right ear, while on the left shoulder there was a contusion as from a blow, and on the breast a severe bruise three inches in diameter. None of these injuries, the surgeons think, could have been made with the light hammer thought of have been used.

Another fact that tends to disprove the theory of suicide is that none of the blows on the face, heretofore supposed to have been inflicted by the tack-hammer, severed an artery, and because of this it is argued that he bloody stains found in the house could not have been caused by the bleeding of these wounds.

Another point in favor of the murder theory has come to light. It is now claimed bloody water was found in the sink, as if the murderer had washed his hands there.

As to suspicion, the officers are at a loss. The two men upon whom they at first had been disposed to fix the crime, if it proved a crime, were at Manchester, fifteen miles away, at about noon Friday. They put out their horse at Niles's stable in that village at that time, and at 5 o'clock came back to the stable and tried to sell the rig. Failing in this, they sent word to relatives to come for it, and hired themselves to a traveling show which exhibited in Jonesville Monday.

Benz had been dead long enough, when found at 7 o'clock, for rigor mortis to become established. The fact that his dinner was on the table where he had partaken of it is considered evidence that he was killed about noon, so the suspicion attaching to the two men who went to Manchester falls unless it can be established that the man was dead at an earlier hour.

Until the post mortem established the fact that Benz was struck a violent blow from behind, the people of Dexter were generally of the belief that he had committed suicide. Opinion is in favor of the other theory now, and it is likely a reward will be offered for the apprehension of the murderer or murderers.

A Talented Young Musician.

Pointe aux Barques, Mich., Aug. 25.—An enterprising young musician, Rex L. Buell, a conservatory graduate at Ypsilanti, has introduced a unique idea into the rounds of social pleasure of summer resort life by producing, with the aid of juvenile talent of the resort, Gabriel's comic opera, "The Brownies Charm." The affair was a great success, displaying on the part of the young conductor unlimited talent in this line of work, besides bringing to the front several young people possessed of remarkable voices. Mr. Buell is only 24 years of age.

Love Drove to Suicide.

Hudson, Mich., Aug. 25.—Leon Farnham, son of Postmaster Farnham, of Pratierville, committed suicide Sunday by blowing his brains out with a shotgun. A love affair was the cause of his act.

WITH THE CORPORATIONS

Week's Record of Articles Filed and Changes Made.

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 24.—The following corporations filed articles of association with the secretary of state during the past week: Grant Canning company, Grant, \$3,000; Interstate Construction company, Grand Rapids and Pierre, S. D., \$125,000; Continental Weighing Machine company, Detroit, \$250,000; Rogers Bros., Alpena and Chaumont, N. Y., \$75,000; Flint Skirt Manufacturing company, Flint, \$10,000; East Jordan Creamery, East Jordan, \$5,000; Forbes Cigar company, Plainwell, \$5,000; Lock City Investment company, Sault Ste. Marie, \$15,000; Muskegon Abstract company, Muskegon, \$20,000; American Buggy Top company, Jackson, \$10,000; A. L. Laing Co., Ltd., Gladstone, \$5,000; Scott Mining company, Menominee, \$125,000; Gas Power Publishing company, St. Joseph, \$10,000; State Bank of Standish, Standish, \$20,000.

Non-capitalized corporations—Reformed church of Ada; Farmers' club, Greenville; Christian Reformed church of Prosper; Germania Arbeiter Union, Stutzung Verein of Alpena; Edmore Merchants' & Farmers' club, Edmore; Crystal Lake Resort association, Beulah.

The Plymouth Savings bank, Plymouth, filed notice of increase of capital from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Unfortunate Lad.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 24.—Henry Blumenthal, an 11-year-old boy, living at 37 Hastings street, was playing on the Lake Shore tracks near the foot of Hastings street was run over by a Lake Shore freight train. His right leg was crushed between the ankle and the knee, and his left leg injured so badly that it may have to be amputated. A year ago last Fourth of July the boy's right arm was cut off at the shoulder in a street car accident.

Make It a Fruit Center.

Muskegon, Mich., Aug. 24.—The Muskegon Fruit Growing company, with a capital of \$25,000, has been organized here and articles of association filed with the secretary of state. The company will boom the fruit lands surrounding this city by setting 330 acres with fruit of all descriptions applicable to this climate and soil. The intention is to increase the output until Muskegon becomes the fruit-producing center of this section of the state.

Fatal Fall From a Buggy.

Dundee, Mich., Aug. 24.—Peck Keene, 20 years of age, fell from a buggy while driving in the country. His neck was broken and he died soon after. He was riding with a man who was intoxicated. The man says they were scuffling about hats, when young Keene fell, and he was too intoxicated to render assistance, but came to town and reported the affair.

Kalamazoo Runaways Arrested.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 25.—Katie Decker and Phemie Weaver, 14-year-old girls who ran away from their homes in this city Saturday, have been arrested in Detroit and will be returned home.

Smallpox at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mich., Aug. 25.—Two well defined cases of smallpox have developed here, both victims being colored. A pest house has been established, and danger from contagion is not feared.

Normal Site Not Chosen.

Albion, Mich., Aug. 25.—Prof. Fall, superintendent of public instruction, makes this statement about the selection of a site for the new state normal school: "If there is anyone under the sun who knows where the new normal school will be located, he must have inside information which has not yet reached me. The board of education has not yet completed its investigations, so it is not even yet in a position to come to any decision in the matter. We will visit Battle Creek and several other places, but will probably make no choice before the middle of September. This talk about the Michigan Central controlling the selection of the site in any way is all bosh."

Farmers in a Trust.

Hamburg, Mich., Aug. 25.—Saturday evening a meeting was held in this village for the formation of an "Equity" club, Major George H. Winans, son of the late governor, having taken in hand the project of organizing the farmers of Livingston and Washtenaw counties into branches of the trust recently proposed. One club is to be organized in each township. The object of the organization is to pledge its members to hold their produce for higher prices.

Girl Drowned at Indian River.

Cheboygan, Mich., Aug. 25.—Word comes from Indian river, in the southern part of the county, that Miss Cressy, the 14-year-old daughter of F. E. Martin, postmaster of that village, was drowned while bathing in the river. She and two sisters were in the stream when the waves from a passing boat drew them into the channel. Two were rescued by Rev. Mr. Schultzberg, of this city, who was at his cottage thereat the time.

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